Emigration during the last three years, year-wise ;

(b) the number of complaints which have been disposed of, year-wise ;

(c) the number of complaints which are still pending for final disposal ;

(d) which is the oldest complaint pending for disposal ;

(e) the number of cases on which Government initiated action ; and

(f) in how many cases did Government compensate the emigrant workers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (f) The number of complaints received, disposed of & those pending for final disposal, during the last three years are as under :—

Year	No. of complaints received	No. of complaints disposed of	No. of complaints pending final disposal
1991	54	36	18
1992	69	35	34
1993 (Upto 31-10-93)	170	93	77

The oldest complaint pending for final disposal pertains to the year 1986 against M/s Ansar Brothers, Delhi.

In 51 cases Government had initated action.

There is no provision under the Emigration Act, 1983 for providing compensation to the emigrant workers by the Government.

Food grains taken off from Public Distribution System

*49. SHRI DEBARATA BISWAS : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fart that food grains had been taken-off from Public Distribution System during the past few months ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI A. K. ANTONY) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Exploitation of Child Labour

*50. DR. BAPU KALDATE :
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Pioneer of 14th September, 1993 high-lighting the in human bondage and continuous exploitation of the child labour in the various industrial units, despite law on the subject ;

(b) if so, what are the results achieved so far from the programmes formulated and implemented by Government to improve the lot of the child labour in the country ; and

(c) what changes are contemplated by Government in the strategy/labour laws to protect children from hazardous conditions in the occupations in which they are engaged ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Eradication of child labour in the near future being considered difficult to achieve, Government aims to eliminate child labour progressively. This is sought to be achieved through legislation, better enforcement of laws relating to child labour, welfare programmes, spreading greater awareness amongst parents, employers and society at large and extension of education to increasing number of children. Child

labour is prohibited in occupations/or cases mentioned in the Schedule under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986. Additions are made to the Schedule from time to time of other occupations/processes which are identified as hazardous by the Technical Advisory Committee on Child Labour. In other occupations, child labour is regulated.

The National Policy on Child Labour formulated in 1987, envisages focussing of general development programmes for the benefit of child labour and taking up action oriented projects for elimination, welfare and rehabilitation of child labour. Under its ambit, nine project-based plans of action in five States covering 7300 children through 126 Special Schools have been taken up in areas of concentration of child labour. These projects are being expanded and new projects are being taken up to cover more children. Two project areas have been identified, namely, Jaggampet in Andhra Pradesh and Mandsaur in Madhya Pradesh for total elimination of child labour in a time-bound manner.

Financial assistance to voluntary organisations is provided for taking up action-oriented projects. Seven projects covering 2310 children are being implemented at present. In addition, and ILO assisted project for the benefit of working children namely, IPEC (International Programme on Elimination of Child Labour) is under implementation in 14 States through 60 Projects covering a total of 33,935 children directly.

Ten States/UTs namely, Sikkim, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Goa, Pondicherry, Chandigarh have been identified initially for total elimination of child labour through concerted efforts in a time-bound manner. Subsequently, similar efforts would be extended to other States in course of time based on experience gained. Constant dialogues with State Governments, organisations of employers and trade unions, sustained workers education and removal of differencials in wages between those of childern and adults (in occupations where child labour is not prohibited but only regulated), and enhancing the involvement of non-governmental organisations are the other strategic actions being taken.

Collaboration of Coal India Ltd. with Foreign Firms

51. SHRI GAYA SINGH :

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coal India Ltd. is likely to review its collaboration-cum-consultancy contract in regard to Eastern Coalfields Rajmahal Coal Mining Project with Mat Chem, the Canada-based multinational linked to the grant US Steel ;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the existing contract with Met Chem has proved to be disadvantageous to the Coal India Ltd ; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for renewing the contract ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Workshop on New Labour Policy

52. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Work-shop on "New Labour Policy for employment generation" was held in Bombay on 26th September, 1993 ;

(b) if so, what are the main observations and suggestions made at the workshop ; and Government's reaction thereto ;

(c) whether the new labour policy has since been formulated ; and

(d) if so, what are the salient features thereof ?